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REMARKS:

By this Amendment, claims 1-20 currently pending in the international application have

been amended in order to remove multiple dependency.

Enclosed is an accurate English translation of the international application

PCT/JP2004/017468 filed on November 25, 2004. The contents of said application and of the

priority application, Japan App. Ser. No. 2003-394218 filed November 25, 2003, are hereby

incorporated by reference into this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this

communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The Examiner is encouraged to call the

Robert J. Schneider, attorney for Applicant(s), at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any

questions that arise in connection with this application.

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